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MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION

Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Re: Application of HAN, Gang, UENO, Tomonori, HIRAKAWA, Eiji, UESAKA, Shujiro
METHOD OF MANUFACTURING A SINTERED BODY
Assignee: **HITACHI METALS, LTD.**
Our Ref. Q80734

Dear Sir:

Attached hereto is the application identified above comprising 30 sheets of the specification, including the claims and abstract, 7 sheet(s) of drawings, a copy of the executed Assignment and PTO 1595 form, and a copy of the executed Declaration and Power of Attorney. Also enclosed is an Information Disclosure Statement and PTO/SB/08 A & B (modified).

The Government filing fee is calculated as follows:

Total claims	9 - 20	=		x	\$18.00	=	\$0.00
Independent claims	2 - 3	=		x	\$86.00	=	\$0.00
Base Fee							\$770.00

TOTAL FILING FEE

\$770.00

Recordation of Assignment

\$40.00

TOTAL FEE

\$810.00

Checks for the statutory filing fee of \$770.00 and Assignment recordation fee of \$40.00 are attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

Priority is claimed from:

<u>Country</u>	<u>Application No</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>
Japan	2003-093645	March 31, 2003
Japan	2003-311148	September 3, 2003

The priority document(s) are enclosed herewith.

Respectfully submitted,
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